

Reasons to Believe That Paul was Involved in Writing all 13 of His Epistles by Harris Kakoulides



Preface

Modern Liberal Scholars only accept 7 letters of the New Testament as written by Paul the Apostle and they reject 6 of his letters because they state they are not from Paul. In my opinion these so called scholars didn't do their research to dig deeper on the issue to see what the early church Fathers believed and taught about the subject. Or they saw any Paradox as a contradiction. Paradox means according to Merriam - Webster Pocket Dictionary " a statement that seems contrary to common sense yet is perhaps true" The Undisputed Letters of Paul by the Liberals are the following: Romans , 1 Corinthians , 2 Corinthians , Galatians, Philippians , 1

Thessalonians , Philemon. And the Rejected Letters of Paul are the Following: Ephesians, Colossians , 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy , 2 Timothy , Titus. My purpose in this little booklet is to show the reader that those 6 rejected epistles belong so much to Paul as the not rejected Epistles of Paul by the Liberals.

Chapter 01

In one of the Undisputed Letters of Paul, he states the following :

Philippians 3:1 NKJV 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

As we see in this verse that Paul made it common in his practise to repeat himself in his epistles. So It is my goal in this and the following chapters to compare the rejected and the accepted Epistles to see if he was involved in writting them both by looking to see if I spot any repletion among them.

One of the Evidence of Paul's authorship which he does repeatedly is that Paul defines himself in all his Epistles. In every Epistle of Paul you will see Paul's name first.

Romans 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

1 Corinthians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2 Corinthians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia

Galatians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),:

Ephesians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

Philippians 1:1 NKJV **Paul** and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To

all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Colossians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

1 Thessalonians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Timothy 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

2 Timothy 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

Titus 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

Philemon 1:1 NKJV **Paul**, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer,

In all his epistles Paul is mention first. You can see this in his Undisputed Letters as in those that are the Rejected Letters. While it is true that Paul did not hand write all his letters at times he had a scholar writting it for him a example of this can be seen in Romans .

Romans 16:22 NKJV 22 I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord.

And one could notice also Paul's helpers in the Epistles in the begining of the Letters like Timothy, Titus , Sosthenes or someone else who was with Paul as he was writting the letter.

1 Corinthians 1:1 NKJV 1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ

through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2 Corinthians 1:1 NKJV 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

But you can see all those letters start with Paul being mention as the Author. Paul is the first name mention. This is as it were Paul's figure print in all of his letters . It tells us this is from Paul the Apostle.

Chapter 02

Number 2 Paul also says I Paul in his Epistles

2 Corinthians 10:1 NIV By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you-- **I, Paul,** who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away!

Galatians 5:2 NIV 2 Mark my words! **I, Paul,** tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

Ephesians 3:1 NIV 1 For this reason **I, Paul,** the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--

Colossians 1:23 NIV 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which **I, Paul,** have become a servant.

Colossians 4:18 NIV **I, Paul,** write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 NIV For we wanted to come to you-- certainly **I, Paul,** did, again and again-- but Satan stopped us.

2 Thessalonians 3:17 NIV **I, Paul,** write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write.

Philemon 1:19 NIV **I, Paul,** am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it

back-- not to mention that you owe me your very self.

He doesn't say it in all his epistles but only 8 times which includes 5 times of those that are reconized Epistles as 3 times that is not reconized by the Liberals.

Chapter 03

Paul states that he wrote the greetings with his own hand in three Letters in Two that was accepted by the Liberals and one that was not.

1 Corinthians 16:21 NIV 21 **I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.**

Philemon 1:19 NIV 19 **I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand.** I will pay it back-- not to mention that you owe me your very self.

2 Thessalonians 3:17 NIV 17 **I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand,** which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write.

I want you to reconize this, we are looking at repetions in Paul's writtings. This how we can tell it is Paul who wrote it and not someone else pretending to be him. Notice this pattern in 1 Corinthians and Philemon which is acceptable by Liberals and 2 Thessalonians which is not accepted by them as written by Paul.

Chapter 04

Key doctrines which are taught in the accepted Text are also taught in the rejected text. If a letter is written by Paul you should expect him teaching the same things. Remember what was read in the first chapter :

Philippians 3:1 NKJV 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

In other words he was saying "I don't mind repeating myself"

Do to the limited of time I have in writing this book , we will look at three doctrines and look at a rejected book with a recieve book to see if the same doctrine was taught.

1) Salvation By Grace Through Faith

Romans 4:5 NAS95 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Ephesians 2:8-9 NAS95 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

2) The Rapture of the Church (Gathering of the Church to meet the Lord in the Air)

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NAS95 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 NKJV 1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

3) The Deity of Jesus Christ (That Jesus is God)

Philippians 2:6 NIV 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

Colossians 2:9 NIV 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

So we see the same doctrines (Teachings) being taught in both accepted and rejected books.

Chapter 05

Some may argue that in one accepted book it states that Jesus is the foundation and in a rejected book it states the Apostles is the foundation.

1 Corinthians 3:11 NIV For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:20 NIV built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

The answer to this so call paradox is simple the apostles being the foundation makes Jesus the foundations for the Apostles came in Jesus name, represented Jesus and preached Jesus. So if you have Jesus or the Apostles as the foundation Jesus is still counted as the foundation.

Ephesians in calling Jesus the chief cornerstone is saying Jesus is the source of the Apostles. There wouldn't be any foundation if it wasn't for Jesus who holds it all together. Jesus is what the Apostles Preached and talked about if you was to cut any book of the New Testament (use your imagination for a second) it would bleed Jesus. What was it that Jesus told them? You will be my witnesses. In other words you will speak about me.

Acts 1:8 NKJV 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

But say if I was to put a rabbi or someone who didn't exalted the person of Christ Jesus as the foundation then I would have a contradiction. Because both scriptures would be going against itself. The foundation is the Apostles and Prophets. The Foundation is Jesus because all that Apostles and prophets spoke about is Jesus.

Romans 3:21-22 NKJV But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Luke 24:27 NKJV 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He (Jesus) expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Luke 24:44 Then He (Jesus) said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms

concerning Me."

Acts 10:39-41 NKJV 39 "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Chapter 06

Among the early church leaders there was never a letter of Paul that was debated on as not being from the Apostle himself so as not to be included in our New Testament. There were debates about James , Jude , 2 Peter but never was the 13 letters of Paul called to question. I believe that James , Jude , 2 Peter belong in our New Testament aswell and was written by the authors they claimed to be from and there is much of evidence for them aswell. What I am saying we have more evidence for the 13 letters of Paul than we have for the writtings of the other apostles .

The Muratorian Canon was written in about 150 AD and it is believed by many to be the first Canon of the New Testament and it states { ""The Epistles of Paul themselves, however, show to those, who wish to know, which [they are, from what place, and for what cause they were sent. First of all he wrote to the Corinthians, admonishing against schism ofheresy; there-upon to the Galatians [admonishing against] circumcision; to the Romans, however, [he wrote] rather lengthily pointing out with a series of Scripture quotations that Christ is their main theme also. [But] it is necessary that we have a discussion singly concerning these, since the blessed Apostle Paul himself, imitating the example of his predecessor, John, wrote to seven churches only by name [and] in this order: The first [Epistle] to the Corinthians, the second to the Ephesians, the third to the Philippians, the fourth to the Colossians, the fifth to the Galatians. the sixth to the Thessalonians, and the seventh to the Romans. But, although he wrote twice to the Corinthians and to the Thessalonians, for reproof, nevertheless [it is evident that] one Church is made known to be diffused throughout the whole globe of the earth. For John also, though he wrote in the Apocalypse

to seven churches, nevertheless he speaks to them all. But he [wrote] one letter to Philemon and one to Titus, but two to Timothy for the sake of affection and love. In honor of the General Church, however, they have been sanctified by an ordination of the ecclesiastical discipline." }

Notice that the letters which the Modern Liberal scholars reject are said to be written by Paul. It doesn't state that Paul only wrote one Epistle to the Thessalonians but two. Also 1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus are mentioned along with Colossians and Ephesians. We have clear cut evidence that the 13 Epistles belong to Paul.

There are some Liberals that state that Paul might have started writing to Timothy but in the middle of his letter was excused and had someone else finish the epistle. This theory is nowhere taught in scripture or early church writings.

Irenaeus 120-202AD in *Against Heresies* Book 3 Chapter 3 states { " The blessed apostles, then, having founded and built up the Church, committed into the hands of Linus the office of the episcopate. Of this Linus, Paul makes mention in the Epistles to Timothy." }

Irenaeus believed that Paul wrote his Letters to Timothy and not someone else. Linus is mentioned in Paul's 2nd Epistle to Timothy a rejected Epistle of the modern Liberal.

2Timothy 4:21 Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.(NKJV)

Tertullian 145-220 AD *The Five Books Against Marcion* Book 4 Chapter 5 ("Let us see what milk the Corinthians drank from Paul; to what rule *of faith* the Galatians were brought for correction; what the Philippians, the Thessalonians, the Ephesians read *by it*; what utterance also the Romans give, so very near (to the apostles), to whom Peter and Paul conjointly bequeathed the gospel even sealed with their own blood. " }

Notice that Tertullian mentions Thessalonians and Ephesians acknowledging them not as rejected text but churches which Paul would lay down their

lives for. If Ephesians, Colossians , 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy , 2 Timothy , Titus. wasn't written by Paul why would they be acknowlge by the early church in thier writings as letters by Paul.

Cyprian 200- 258 AD Book 3 of Testimonies Against the Jews Section 75-78 {"75. That every person ought to have care rather of his own people, and especially of believers.

The apostle in his first Epistle to Timothy: "But if any take not care of his own, and especially of those of his own household, he denies the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Of this same thing in Isaiah: "If thou shalt see the naked, clothe him; and despise not those who are of the household of thine own seed." Of which members of the household it is said in the Gospel: "If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much rather them of his household! 76. That an elder must not be rashly accused. In the first to Timothy: "Against an eider receive not all accusation. 77. That the sinner must be publicly reproved. In the first Epistle of Paul to Timothy: "Rebuke them that sin in the presence of all, that others also may be afraid.78. That we must not speak with heretics. To Titus: "A man that is an heretic, after one rebuke avoid; knowing that one of such sort is perverted, and sinneth, and is by his own self condemned."Of this same thing in the Epistle of John: "They went out from among us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would doubtless have remained with us."Also in the second to Timothy: "Their word doth creep as a canker." }

Notice that Cyprian believed that the Apostle Paul aslo wrote his letters to Timothy and Titus. Now lets finish this booklet with one more early church leader.

Eusebius Pamphilus 270-340AD known as the church historian in Church History Book 2 Chapter 22 {"2. Thus after he had made his defense it is said that the apostle was sent again upon the ministry of preaching, and that upon coming to the same city a second time he suffered martyrdom. In this imprisonment he wrote his second epistle to Timothy, in which he mentions his first defense and his impending death. 3. But hear his testimony on these matters: "At my first answer," he says, "no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might

hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.” ”}

Notice that Eusebius believed Paul wrote 2 Timothy and not just part of it or none of it . With this we will end our booklet.